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SUBJECT: IMPOUNDED VIETNAMESE SHRIMP

REF: TOKYO 8421, STATE 138489

1. FURUZAWA (FOOD SANITATION DIVISION, MINISTRY HEALTH AND WELFARE) EXPRESSED TO REGFISHATT DAY GOJ.S APPRECIATION US INVITATION (REFTEL B) FOR JAPANESE SCIENTISTS TO VISIT DR. MATHEW MESELSOON'S LABORATORY AT HARVARD IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE EXAMINATION IMPOUNDED VIETNAMESE SHRIMP. UNFORTUNATELY, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

UNABLE TO ARRANGE AT THIS TIME.

2. REASONS GIVEN REGFISHATT WERE: (1) JAPANESE SCIENTISTS HAVE PRETTY WELL WORKED OUT THE TECHNOLOGY FOR ANALYSIS OF DIOXIN AND SAMPLE PROVIDEDBY USG NOW PERMITS THEM TO CHECK THEIR WORK AND PROCEED WITH EXAMINATION OF SHRIMP IN NEAR FUTURE, AND (2) RECENT MERCURY/PCB SCARE HAS CAUSED A DRAIN ON AVAILABLE FUNDS (AS WELL AS PERSONEL) AND HEALTH AND WELFARE GENERALLY RESTRICTING TRAVEL.

3. FYI ARTICLE APPEARING IN SUISAN KEIZAI 7/11/73 NOTES THE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECEIPT OF A SAMPLE OF DIOXIN FROM THE USFDA, THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TOKYO, WILL SPEED UP CONSIDERABLY PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING THE METHOD FOR ANALYSIS OF DIOXIN IN SHRIMP IMPORTED FROM SOUTH VIETNAM NOW BEING CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL SANITATION LABORATORY OF JAPAN....."

4. REGFISHATT STILL UNABLE TO GET ANY FIX ON DATE EXAMINATION OF SHRIMP WILL BEGIN NOR WHEN THE SHRIMP MAY BE RELEASED.

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